

Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** October is Prevention Month throughout the country and focuses on the importance of taking action to remain safe and protect ourselves, our families, and our community from crime; and
- WHEREAS,** Gilbert residents will have the opportunity to participate in prevention month either collectively or individually by taking part in Red Ribbon Week or Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods (G.A.I.N.); and
- WHEREAS,** Saturday, October 20th has been designated as Gilbert's G.A.I.N. Day Celebration and citizens are encouraged to participate by hosting their own neighborhood event on that night or in the month of October; and
- WHEREAS,** G.A.I.N. is a program to encourage neighborhoods to gather together in an effort to heighten crime awareness, build better community relationships and strengthen community support for public safety; and
- WHEREAS,** The Gilbert Police Department in partnership with Target will provide neighborhood leaders who commit to hosting a neighborhood event, a "party pack" filled with prevention materials and party goods in an effort to minimize costs associated with such an effort; and
- WHEREAS,** Red Ribbon or "Say no to Drugs" Week takes place annually from October 24-31st and is a means to unite and take a visible stand against substance abuse in our community; and
- WHEREAS,** illegal drugs constitute a problem in our community and lead to a host of problems such as homicides, robberies, burglaries and other crimes and domestic violence; and
- WHEREAS,** the Gilbert Police Department will be providing to every 6th grade student in the Gilbert and Higley Public School District education materials and the opportunity to win a pizza party sponsored by Costco store 481.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor of Gilbert, Arizona,
declare

**October 24 to October 31, 2012 as RED RIBBON WEEK
and**

October 20th as G.A.I.N. Day in Gilbert

and encourage other organizations such as community groups, schools, and business and civic organizations to support and participate in activities to draw community attention to these issues.

In witness thereof, I hereby set by hand and affix
the Official Seal of the Office of the Mayor, Town
of Gilbert, Arizona, this 4th day of October,
2012.

John Lewis, Mayor